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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9407

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SUBJECT: FY 75 FMS CREDIT AGREEMENT, TUNISIA

REF: STATE 139564; SECDEF MSG 162146Z JUNE 1975

1. EMBASSY/USLOT ARE ANXIOUS ASSIST IN EFFORTS
OBTAIN FAVORABLE TUNISIAN DECISION ON FY 75 FMS CREDIT
AGREEMENT, AS TIME RUNNING OUT.

2. CHUSLOT WORKING LEVEL CONTACTS AT MINISTRY OF
DEFENSE DO NOT RPT NOT APPRAR WELL INFORMED CONCERNING
TERMS AND STATUS OF PROPOSED FMS AGREEMENT, EVIDENTLY
BEING NEGOTIATED DIRECTLY BETWEEN WASHINGTONAND TUNISIAN
EMBASSY. AMBASSADOR PREPARED RAISE MATTER WITH MOD
SECRETARY OF STATE BENNOUR IF NECESSARY, BUT WILL
FIRST NEED INFO RE WHERE MATTERS STAND.

3. EMBASSY PUZZLED TO DISCOVER THAT PROPOSED \$5 MILLION
CREDIT IS APPARENTLY NOT DOD DIRECT CREDIT BUT INVOLVES
USG CREDIT GUARANTY THROUGH FEDERAL FINANCING BANK.
NOVELTY OF THIS ARRANGEMENT TO TUNISIANS, AND EXTRA
COST INVOLVED, MAY BE DELAYING AGREEMENT. EMBASSY
BELIEVES IT WOULD HAVE BEEN USEFUL TO HAVE HAD DETAILS
OF PROPOSAL IN HAND MUCH EARLIER.

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